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United States Navy's *USS Milwaukee* Arrives in Namesake City. *Resolution Re Commissioning Passes Legislature*

Madison – Today State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) thanked his colleagues in the Assembly for passing a resolution he authored commemorating the commissioning of the United States Navy's *USS Milwaukee* into active service (SJR 59). The Senate passed the resolution last month.

The *USS Milwaukee* is a specialized surface combat vessel intended for operations close to shore. Her keel was laid in October 27, 2011 in Marinette, Wisconsin and was launched in December of 2013.

After undergoing sea trials, the *USS Milwaukee* arrived this past weekend in Milwaukee. The United States Navy will commission of the *USS Milwaukee* into active service on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The ceremony will take place in Veteran's Park on the Milwaukee lakefront.

Senator Carpenter authored the resolution to commemorate what will be the fifth ship to be named by the US Navy for the City of Milwaukee. The first *USS Milwaukee* (1864), was built for the Union Navy during the American Civil War.

"I want to thank the many legislators who helped quickly pass the resolution so it is now ready for the day US Navy commissions the *USS Milwaukee*," said Carpenter.

"With this resolution, the legislature will wish Godspeed to the new *USS Milwaukee*, and to all those who serve upon her," said Carpenter.

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